# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA SHANNON WOLFE, Plaintiff Plaintiff

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v.

VERDE ENERGY USA, INC.,

Defendant

**COMPLAINT** 

Case No.:

**JURY TRIAL** 

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR

SHANNON WOLFE ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against VERDE ENERGY USA, INC. ("Defendant"):

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. <u>See</u>

  <u>Mims v. Arrow Fin. Services, LLC</u>, 132 S. Ct. 740, 747, 181 L. Ed. 2d 881 (2012).
- 3. Defendant conducts business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as such, personal jurisdiction is established.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing Butler, Pennsylvania 16001.
- 6. Plaintiff is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 7. Defendant is a corporation that has its office located in Norwalk, Connecticut 06851.
- 8. Defendant is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39).
- 9. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. Plaintiff has a cellular telephone number that she has had for more than one year.
  - 11. Plaintiff has only used this number as a cellular telephone number.
- 12. The phone number has been assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls.
- 13. Plaintiff never provided permission to Defendant to call her cellular telephone number or to contact her regarding any goods or services offered by Defendant.

1	4.	Beginning	in	January	2015,	and	continuing	thereafter,	Defendan
called Plaintiff on her cellular telephone.									

- 15. When contacting Plaintiff on her cellular telephone, Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system and automatic and/or pre-recorded messages.
- 16. Plaintiff knows it is Defendant calling because the prerecorded message states Defendant's name.
  - 17. Defendant's telephone calls were not made for "emergency purposes."
- 18. Most recently, Defendant called Plaintiff's cellular telephone on April18, 2015.

# DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates the forgoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 20. Defendant initiated multiple automated telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using a prerecorded voice.
- 21. Defendant initiated these automated calls to Plaintiff using an automatic telephone dialing system.
  - 22. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff were not made for emergency purposes.
- 23. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff, in and after January 2015, were not made with Plaintiff's prior express consent.

- 24. Defendant's acts as described above were done with malicious, intentional, willful, reckless, wanton and negligent disregard for Plaintiff's rights under the law and with the purpose of harassing Plaintiff.
- 25. The acts and/or omissions of Defendant were done unfairly, unlawfully, intentionally, deceptively and fraudulently and absent bona fide error, lawful right, legal defense, legal justification or legal excuse.
- 26. As a result of the above violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff has suffered the losses and damages as set forth above entitling Plaintiff to an award of statutory, actual and trebles damages.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, SHANNON WOLFE, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A);
- b. Statutory damages of \$500.00 per violative telephone call pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- c. Treble damages of \$1,500.00 per violative telephone call pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3);
- d. Injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3);
- e. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

## **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, SHANNON WOLFE, demands a jury trial in this case. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, DATED: 06-09-15 KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C. By: /s/ Craig Thor Kimmel\_ CRAIG THOR KIMMEL Attorney ID # 57100 Kimmel & Silverman, P.C. 30 E. Butler Pike Ambler, PA 19002 Phone: (215) 540-8888 Fax: (877) 788-2864 Email: kimmel@creditlaw.com